



Salina Mennonite Church

A Congregation of Mennonite Church USA

Salina Mennonite Church is a Christian community seeking to share God's love through celebration, nurture, service, and peacemaking.

We hold that every person is created in God's image. We embrace differences in race, gender, sexual orientation, ability or status.

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Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. W. L. Ashford

Gathering Words *Isaiah 2:3-4* Voices Together 13

Leader: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob;

ALL: *that we may be taught God's ways, and walk in God's paths.*

Leader: For out of Zion goes forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

ALL: *God will judge between the nations, and will arbitrate for many peoples;*

Leader: they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

ALL: *nation will not lift up sword against nation, neither will they learn war any more.*

Hymn *Mountain of God* Voices Together 11

Storytelling *Time to Pack – Ezra 1; 3:7-13; 6:13-22*

Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Voices Together 88

Sermon, Part 1 *Accusations and Warnings*

Scripture *Selections from Micah*

Hymn *Lord Jesus, Come and Overturn* Voices Together 146

Sermon, Part 2 *Hope and Restoration*

Scripture *Selections from Micah*

Hymn *For the Healing of the Nations* Voices Together 705

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* Voices Together 391

Offering Prayer Voices Together 1020

Announcements

Benediction *Micah 6:8* Voices Together 784

Third Sunday Potluck follows worship in the upstairs fellowship room.

Christian Education

For Children & Adults – *Fall of a Kingdom: Exile and Restoration*

- Intergenerational activities at 9:00 am Sunday in the fellowship room
- Story during Sunday morning worship; Activities to do at home

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *God's Plan for Freedom and Justice* – In the basement

Upcoming Events

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| Sunday | Nov. 27 | Worship – 1 st Sunday of Advent | 10:00 am |
| Sunday | Dec. 4 | Congregational Meeting | 11:15 am |
| Sunday | Dec. 11 | Remembrance Sunday | 10:00 am |
| Sunday | Dec. 18 | Third Sunday Potluck | 11:30 am |
| Wednesday | Dec. 21 | Church Board @ Kristin Van Tassel's Home | 6:30 pm |

Pastor Christina's Office Hours

Out of the office November 21-28

Worship Totals

| 2022 | Attendance | Unified Budget | Other | Total |
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| 11/13 | Zoom 4 In-Person 27 Total 31 | \$1,460.00 | Special Needs Fund \$52.29 | \$1,512.29 |

Local Announcements

December 4th Congregational Meeting: Agenda includes: (1) Activity reports; (2) Financial updates; (3) Confirmation of 2023 committees; (4) Approval of 2023 budget; (5) Vote on constitutional amendments. Ballots for the constitutional amendments will be sent to members who are unable to attend the meeting.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: In this Thanksgiving week, offer a prayer of gratitude for members of WDC congregations and communities who care for the land, grow and harvest food, prepare meals, and share generously with a hungry world.

Giving Tuesday is November 29: Western District Conference invites you to join this global giving initiative. Share a gift with WDC during this season, to help our congregations Witness & invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, Dwell in just & Loving relationships, and Connect to God's mission in the world. Current projections suggest that WDC income will fall short of expenses for the current year. Your generous gifts are invited to help close the gap. You may make an online contribution [HERE](#) (credit card, PayPal, Google Pay accepted) or send a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Thank you for your generosity!

Give back on Giving Tuesday with an evening of Service & Snacks, Nov. 29 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Hesston College Mennonite Church! Join [Everence](#)[®] and MCC for an evening of service! We'll make MCC [hygiene kits](#), tie comforters, write holiday cards to incarcerated people with MCC partner organization Offender Victim Ministries (OVM) and enjoy snacks! Bring your family and friends to this opportunity to *give back* on this Giving Tuesday! [Find out more!](#)

Buhler Mennonite Church continues to need volunteers to package 50,000 meals on Saturday, December 3. Please sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0545AEAD2EA1F58-50000>.

First Mennonite Church in McPherson will host a German dinner on Saturday, December 3, 5:00-7:00 pm at the church – 1161 E Avenue Z. The menu includes: verenika with ham gravy, sausage, green beans, bohne beroggi with cream sauce, zwiebach, and cherry moos. There will be a free will offering.

Announcement from the WDC Immigration Task Force: The Immigration Task Force has discontinued its work as of November 9, 2022, due to changing life circumstances of the task force members. Task Force members Raylene Hinz Penner, Ryan Goertzen-Regier, Anali Looper, Kendra Davila, Pat Cameron, Karin Kaufman-Wall and Kathy Neufeld Dunn (WDC Associate Conference Minister liaison) thank the WDC congregations that continue to be actively involved in immigration and refugee work. We pray that the networking gatherings we hosted were helpful and encouraging to you. We are all still passionate about justice for immigrants and refugees, and hope a new task group will form with participation of members from across WDC, to help keep all WDC congregations informed of immigration and refugee issues across our conference. Consider carrying on this vital work or tap a WDC friend to consider it. A WDC Task Force can be formed by any group of WDC people in response to special needs or interests, through an application process described in the WDC Constitution (WDC Constitution (Spanish) For more information contact the WDC office at 316-283-6300 or wdc@mennowdc.org.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, who are serving through MMN, have lived among Indigenous communities in Argentina's Chaco region since 2004. Pray for them as they promote Indigenous culture and languages through Bible-study materials and educational opportunities, among other ministries of presence.

Mennonite Education Agency: Join MEA in praying for the 30 schools affiliated with MC USA. MEA's monthly prayer newsletter, with requests from the schools, is found at [Prayers for Mennonite Education](#).

Mennonite Church USA: Artist Mandy Martin of Salford (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church created "Justice Grows in the Garden" for Salford 2022 Gardening for Peace event, featuring RAWtools, a ministry partner of Mennonite Church USA. See Mandy's art and video here: mennoniteusa.org/justice-grows-garden

Mennonite Church USA: Stay in the know about what's happening in MC USA by subscribing to PeaceMail, the official news source. Subscribe here: mennoniteusa.org/peacemail

Learn, Pray, Join: Mass Incarceration: Casa Alternativa, is a ministry of hospitality that serves asylum seekers who have recently arrived in the U.S. It's co-founder, Anton Flores-Maisonet, reflects on the story of one of the asylum seekers that he had the privilege of welcoming to his house. His story is part of Mennonite Church USA's Learn, Pray, Join: Mass Incarceration" initiative. Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/b-attitude

Menno Snapshots: In this blog, Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, speaks out against the tokenization of immigrants and people of color. "Over and over in our system, those in the dominant culture have used immigrants and other people of color as political pawns to justify their bias, insecurity and phobias." Read his reflection here: mennoniteusa.org/tokenizing

#MennoCon23: MennoCon23, MC USA's largest faith formation gathering, will be held July 3-8, 2023, in Kansas City, Missouri. There will be programming for all ages, including a one-day Climate Summit for youth and young adults. See the tentative block schedule here: mennoniteusa.org/dates-location-mennocon23

Mennonite World Conference: We pray for our brothers and sisters in South Korea after the tragic death of more than 100 young people in a crowd in Itaewon. May God equip Mennonite Church South Korea and Korean Anabaptist Centre to live out peace in a militarized country.